

COKERS STAND FIRM.

The 10,000 Workers in the Region Prepare for Fight AGAINST SHAVING WAGES.

Secretary Watchorn Speaks Out, Saying They Are in Earnest.

OPERATORS WHO DON'T BELIEVE IT

Gigantic Coke Deal, Embracing a Wide Range of Territory.

WHAT MASTER WORKMAN RAE SAYS

Robert Watchorn, Secretary-Treasurer of N. D. A. 135, Knights of Labor, coal miners and cokers, arrived in the city last evening from his home in Columbus. This morning he will leave for the Connellsville coke region, where about 10,000 men intend to strike to-morrow.

Mr. Watchorn was met at the Baltimore and Ohio station by National Master Workman John B. Rae, who will also leave for the scene of impending trouble this morning. Both gentlemen will attend a mass meeting of miners this evening at Morgan station, near Broadford. The meeting will be held to ratify the action of the delegate convention to strike.

Mr. Watchorn had just returned home from Indiana, where 2,400 miners are out against a reduction of wages. The men have been out since April 15, and not one of them has deserted the ranks. They are being financially helped each week from the treasury of the National District, which is apparently in good condition. Speaking of the coming strike, Mr. Watchorn said:

"As I have been out in Indiana looking after the wants of our men there, I have not had much chance to learn anything in regard to the Connellsville men. I understand there will be a mass meeting at Connellsville Thursday to rally the men, and I expect to be present. We have plenty of money to carry on the strike. If we had nothing in the treasury we would not have gone into the fight.

"Despite what the operators here claim, there will be a lock-out to-morrow. I had hoped that the operators would hold a conference and do something to settle the trouble which is sure to come. When the men lay down their tools to-morrow night (this evening) they do so with the understanding that they will not return in the morning. The strike will only end in the miners getting what they think is a fair price for their labor. We were willing to have a conference and settle the matter without a strike, but only one operator signified his willingness to be present.

A representative of the Frick Coke Company said yesterday: "I can hardly believe the reports that there is to be a general strike in the region. We have a scale and agreement with our men which will not expire before January 31, 1890. By this scale we are paying our men higher wages than are being paid in other works. Both parties to the agreement are bound to carry out the terms agreed to, and it would be an unheard-of proceeding to have our employees back out on strike. If there is to be a strike to-morrow I have no notice of it, and have not been invited to attend."

OBSTACLES AND A MIGHTY DECADE. Another extensive operator, who would not let his name appear, said: "We are now paying \$25 per ton. When coke was selling for \$15 per bushel the scale price should be \$5 cents. If the price of our product went down 25 cents per bushel, wages should also decrease 5 cents in proportion. If coke went up 25 cents we would pay labor 90 cents.

"The market was forced from \$25 to \$1, where it now is, but we did not reduce wages. Consequently our men are running 5 cents more than they should. The letters sent to us by our superintendents in the region do not anticipate any strike throughout the coke country. One reason why I do not think the men are foolish enough to quit work is the fact that there is so much coke on the market. None of the works have been running full time and there are hundreds of cars loaded awaiting purchasers. One-half of our output is sold to the coke in operation we have been working but four and five days of each week."

Negotiations have just been closed by the J. W. Moore Coal Company, who have agreed for the purchase of 870 acres of coal land directly south of Uniontown. The property was formerly owned by about five or six parties, and now under Mr. Moore the second largest individual coke operator in the Connellsville region.

HOW EXTENSIVE IT IS.

He now owns over 2,700 acres of the best coal land in the territory, and about closes the latter up. On the ground there are 70 ovens with 50 more in the course of erection. By July 1 of next year the new ovens expect to have 500 ovens in operation on the tract. What he has now this will make him the sole owner of 1,073 ovens altogether. Work on the new ovens will be commenced at once. The purchase cost settles the rumor for good that Colonel Moore was trying to sell his coke interests to the Frick Company.

In reply to the allegation that the Frick scale ran to January 31, 1890, National Master Workman Rae said last evening: "It is true that Mr. Frick has a scale, but what scale is it? It was made by less than half a dozen men, who signed it without any authority from Mr. Frick's employees. They did not authorize the scale to be signed, and had no right to sign it. There are several ovens provisions in the scale, which the majority of the men working for the Frick company want stricken out. Because a few men got together and signed the scale, the 6,000 or 7,000 men interested should not be expected to stand by it. Coal miners are the last people in the country to break any agreement, and if they made one with Mr. Frick they would not violate it."

A NEW AGREEMENT.

An effort to have L. A. 491 refuse to recognize Non-Union Men.

Special Agent Schwartz, of the building trades, is now trying to effect an agreement with L. A. 491, composed of Knights of Labor Scale Cokers, and have them refuse to work with non-union workers. The trouble between the Knights of Labor and the Federation has about been settled as far as the former are concerned. They have their organization, and will recognize the cards of the State Cokers' Union, but the latter will not recognize them.

ORGANIZING IN THE SOUTH.

The N. P. E. has an East Secured a Foot-hold in Old Virginia.

The National Progressive Union of Coal Miners has at last secured a foothold in the South. A few days ago a local union was organized at Pocahontas, Va. The officials in this city are gratified and say it is the first break in the organization of the miners through the Southern country.

Matthew Green, of Banksville, has been elected Secretary and Treasurer of District Assembly No. 4.

THE SEWER PIPE TRUST.

The Directors of the Globe Sewer Pipe Company will meet to-day—Another Combination Will Probably be Formed Here.

The members of the Globe Sewer Pipe Company are all at the Seventh Avenue Hotel and will hold a meeting to-day. N. B. Billingsly, Esq., of New York, and the reported collapse of the Sewer Pipe Trust, last night said: "I think that report is nothing but talk. As far as I am aware, the company is in as good financial standing to-day as ever. Of course, prices are rather low, but that is the result of keen competition, and, if any sewer pipe concern can stand it, we can."

"What is the purpose of this meeting?" "I do not know that there is anything special in it. The directors meet here once a month, and this is one of their regular meetings."

The Globe Sewer Pipe Company is composed of the largest manufacturers in the country, and, although Mr. Billingsly did not say so, it is supposed that to-day's meeting is called for the purpose of inviting the smaller companies not yet in the trust, to join in the combination and fix prices.

NEITHER DEAD NOR SLEEPING.

Judge Ramsey Delights Thousands By Feeding the Coroner.

A false report gained very general circulation last evening that genial Judge William Ramsey, editor of the *Sunday Globe*, had dropped dead in a business house in the city. The report was so general that it was taken up by the *Sunday Globe*, and the editor of the *Sunday Globe*, who is a close friend of the judge, said that the report was a "hoax" and that the judge was as well as ever.

About 7 o'clock this evening, however, a party of speakers came across the judge, sitting in a down-town restaurant, enjoying a hearty supper, as much alive as ever. He explained his absence by saying he had been over to the baseball game, but couldn't understand how the report of his decease had gained currency.

A FREIGHT WRECK.

Trains Try to Pass on the Same Track, and Hurt an Engineer.

A freight wreck occurred on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad at Stoops Ferry about 5 o'clock last evening. The engine and several cars of the train that was wrecked, struck a freight train that was standing there. The engine of the freight train was derailed, and the train was delayed about two hours.

FIGHT IN A SHANTY BOAT.

One Man Hits Another With a Cobblestone and Injures Him.

John Margrof was arrested yesterday and lodged in jail in default of \$1,000 bail for a hearing Saturday, on a charge of felonious assault and battery. The information was made before Alderman Lohr by Albert Crayner. The two men, it was claimed, had a fight on Monday night in a shanty boat at the foot of South First street. John Margrof was the victor in the fight, and the other man was injured.

HITHER AND THITHER.

Movements of Pittsburghers and Others of Wide Acquaintance.

—Rev. S. E. D. D., whose resignation at the Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor, Mich., is causing so much stir just now, occupied the Trinity Church pulpit in this city several times, and made a very favorable impression. He is now in the city, and is expected to leave for his home in Michigan.

—William Hoffman, ex-Sheriff of Butler county, and a Standard Oil man, who is well known in Pittsburgh, arrived in this city last night. He was accompanied by Mr. W. J. W. Hoffman, who is a partner in the Standard Oil Company.

—C. F. Hoffman, who has been special officer at the Federal street, Allegheny, depot of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad, yesterday took his place as baggage agent. Mr. John Muckle, formerly conductor on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, succeeded him.

—I. N. Pattison, Government Building Inspector, who has been in the city for two days to look up some points at the new Post Office building, left for Washington last night. He is expected to be back in a few days.

—Senator Joseph C. Brown, ex-Governor of Georgia, passed through the Union depot last night en route to Washington. The Senator, a tall, handsome man, who wears glasses, positively refused to be photographed, and, although he was surrounded by a large crowd, he was not seen.

—Chief Elliott, of the Bureau of Charities, was in a most affable humor yesterday when he looked at his rejuvenated office. The old back was now a thing of beauty. It has new furniture, new carpets, and new everything, except his dinner and the car he traveled in.

—R. W. McAfee, a Postoffice Inspector from the city of New York, was in the city last night on a visit. He is a well-known man in the city, and is expected to stay here for a few days.

—W. J. Reno, head clerk in the open hearth department of the Black Diamond Steel Works, intends to spend a long vacation. He hopes to visit the most Western cities, and particularly St. Paul.

—Charles P. Miles, the well-known druggist of Sewickley, formerly of the County Treasurer's office, is living very low at his home with his family. But little hope is entertained of his recovery.

—Thomas D. Cook, a popular conductor on the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston road, left yesterday for New York, where he is to spend some time.

—Mrs. Robert Batchelor, of New York, well-known and extensively related in Pittsburgh, is now lying helpless and inarticulate from a severe stroke of apoplexy.

—F. R. Morgan, of Alliance, O., is at the Hotel Duquesne for the purpose of consulting with Baron de Soltenhoff about the Cope coke producing system.

—Second Vice President Thomas M. King and Superintendent J. V. Patton, connected with the Wheeling Division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, were in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. Covert, of Forty-fourth street, is going to Lake Canaan to-day, and intends to remain until the close of the season.

—Judge Atchison, of the United States District Court, left yesterday for the seashore, where he will remain for three weeks.

A BOATMAN AT HOME.

Something of the Way a Riverman Lives Aboard a Steamboat.

THE SUPPLIES LAID IN FOR A TRIP.

Cost of Returning the Empty Barges From Southern Points.

MEANING OF TINKLING OF THE BELLS

The Globe Steamship Company yesterday stopped her wheel, and, with a few dextrous turns of the pilot's wheel, floated into wharfe and took her place beside three sister boats to "lay up" until the next rise, or until ordered down the river for more trips.

As soon as the same alongside the other boats a DISPATCH reporter boarded her, accompanied by an artist, and sought the captain, who is a well-known riverman, and asked him to write something about steamboating and the unique features of a trip down the river after supplies, from which the Enterprise and quite a number of other boats returned yesterday.

Another thing: The bells of a steamboat have a merry, sweet, silvery tinkle and a ring of melody like unto the laugh of the bells of a ball which the society editor describes.

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THE SABBATH GUARDIANS.

They Enter Seven More Suits Before Alderman Carville—Two Against Police Department Expose a Bottler's Game.

SEVEN more suits were entered by the Law and Order Society before Alderman Carville as a result of last Sunday's sales by druggists and other merchants. Simon Kerecher, the Allegheny druggist, was again arrested yesterday and gave bail for a hearing to-morrow. William Quinn was also arrested and furnished security for a hearing on the same day. Quinn is the licensee dealer at the Casino Museum. Just before his arrest by Carville's constable he was fined \$25 by Alderman Nolan on a charge of Sunday selling prohibited by law. This suit was to prevent the sale of the Casino Museum. The suit was entered by the Law and Order Society.

Inspector McAleese yesterday entered an information before Alderman McKenna against Joseph Speelman for selling liquor without license and selling on Sunday in the Thirteenth ward. He claims that when Judge Stowe reopened the License Court Speelman got a botler's license, under the cover of which he has been retailing since.

IMPOSSIBLE TO AVERT IT.

That will be the South Fork Line of Defense in That Suit.

Attorney J. H. Reed yesterday stated the line of defense which the South Fork Fishing Club intend to pursue in the forthcoming Little suit. They will plead that the flood was an extraordinary event, entirely unforeseen by the club